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1. WILEY HARRIS CALLED ON AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF JUNE 21 TO REPORT ON HIS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO EXPORT MONKEYS FROM NEPAL AND TO SEEK EMBASSY ADVICE. HARRIS' REPORT WAS LARGELY NEGATIVE. HE HAD NOT BEEN TURNED DOWN, BUT KEY INDIVIDUAL -- APPARENTLY IN PALACE -- WHOM HE HAD BEEN COUNTING ON HAS HIS FRONT MAN IN OBTAINING NECESSARY PERMISSION HAD TURNED VERY CAUTIOUS. HARRIS CONFIRMED OUR UNDERSTANDING (REF B) ABOUT CURRENT BAN ON EXPORTS. HE FELT THIS DID NOT PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY OF WAIVER, BUT IT CLEARLY MEANT THAT RIGHT PERSON HAD TO BE FOUND TO MAKE THE CASE. HARRIS SAID HE HAD SEVERAL INDIAN ADVISERS, ONE OF WHOM HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO INDIAN EMBASSY HERE, BUT SO FAR HE HAD NO CLEAR IDEA AS TO HOW TO PROCEED, NOW THAT PRIME CONTACT PROVING RETICENT.

2. AMBASSADOR STATED THAT, IN LIGHT OF PROBLEMS HARRIS HAD RUN INTO, WE WOULD TRY TO LOOK INTO MATTER FURTHER AND SEE IF WE COULD GIVE HARRIS FURTHER SUGGESTIONS.
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AFTER INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS LATER SAME DAY WITH SEVERAL KEY GON OFFICIALS, EMBOFF CALLED HARRIS JUNE 22 WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT BEST AVENUE APPEARED TO BE THROUGH MINISTRY OF FORESTS (BOTH MINISTRY SECRETARY, AND DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION AND WILDLIFE OFFICE IN THAT MINISTRY). IF KEY OFFICIALS THERE COULD BE CONVINCED, ISSUE WOULD GO TO CABINET WHICH IN TURN COULD TELL

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE TO ISSUE NECESSARY LICENSE. WE ALSO GAVE HARRIS NAME OF PROMINENT NEPALESE BUSINESSMAN WHO MIGHT PROVE TO BE USEFUL CONTACT (HARRIS HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WORKING TOGETHER WITH NEPALESE PARTNER).

3. HARRIS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THESE SUGGESTIONS AND SAID HE HAD SOME OTHER LEADS HE WAS WORKING ON. HE ALSO NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS NOT SEEKING TO PRESS ISSUE TO HEAD ON THIS FIRST VISIT. HE THOUGHT IT WAS BETTER TO PROCEED SLOWLY, LETTING THINGS GERMINATE. THIS WAS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN THAT HE WAS INVOLVED AT MOMENT WITH BIRD EXPORTS FROM INDIA AND COULD ALWAYS RETURN TO NEPAL FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION OF POSSIBILITIES. WE SUGGESTED THAT IF HE HAD NEED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH US, HE MIGHT CONTACT MS. SCHAFER, SCIATT IN EMBASSY DELHI, WHO SEIZED WITH THIS ISSUE AND COULD RELAY APPROPRIATE MESSAGES. WE HEARD NOTHING MORE FROM HARRIS AND HOTEL STATED HE LEFT LATER JUNE 22.

4. COMMENT: HARRIS CLEARLY DEPARTED LESS HOPEFUL THAN WHEN HE ARRIVED. HE STRIKES US, HOWEVER, AS ONE WHO WILL NOT GIVE UP EASILY, PARTICULARLY IF HE IS UNABLE TO LINE UP OTHER SOURCES FOR MONKEY EXPORTS. MOREOVER, AFTER INQUIRING FURTHER HERE, WE WERE ABLE TO ADVISE HIM THAT RELIGIOUS FACTOR DID NOT APPEAR TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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STRONG ELEMENT IN NEPALESE DECISION ON THIS MATTER. IN FACT, THERE SEEMS TO BE NO CLEAR ANSWER AS TO WHY MONKEYS WERE MOVED ON TO BANNED LIST IN NEW TRADE REGULATIONS. THUS, THERE IS AT LEAST A SLIM CHANCE THAT AN EXCEPTION IS STILL POSSIBLE. WE DID ADVISE HARRIS THAT WORKING THROUGH INDIAN NATIONALS HERE UNLIKELY HELP HIS CAUSE. UTILIZING THEIR EXPERTISE WAS ONE THING, BUT HAVING THEM UP FRONT WOULD BE LIKELY AROUSE ILL FEELING MANY NEPALESE HAVE TOWARDS INDIAN BUSINESSMEN. HE APPEARED GRASP POINT QUICKLY.

FOR DELHI. WE TRUST HARRIS WILL NOT SEEK IMPOSE UNDULY ON YOUR GOOD OFFICES, BUT OFFERING EMBASSY TO EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS LINK SEEMED IN GENERAL INTERESTS IF POSSIBILITY OF MONKEY EXPORTS IS TO MATERIALIZE. HECK

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